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SUBJ: INDICATIONS OF SYRIAN AND PALESTINIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD
CANDIDATES TO SUCEED FRANGIE

REF: BEIRUT 2336

1. FOR WHAT IT WORTH, EMBOFF TOLD BY MFA DIRECTOR OF
AMERICAN AFFAIRS SHOUI, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN IN
CONTACT WITH ASSOCIATES OF EDDE RECENTLY, THAT DAMASCUS
REGIME DETESTS EDDE AND HAS REFUSED TO RECEIVE HIM IN
DAMASCUS.

2. LOCAL PALESTINIAN SOURCE TOLD US MARCH 16 THAT HE
HEARD FROM TWO FRIENDS IN PLO THAT JEAN AZIZ RESPECTED
BY PLO AND THAT HE MAY ULTIMATELY BECOME COMPROMISE CHOICE
ACCEPTABLE TO ALL FACTIONS.

3. COMMENT: THROUGHOUT LEBANESE CRISIS THESE PAST MONTHS
SHOUI HAS CONSISTENTLY CITED EDDE AS "BEST QUALIFIED"
CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY, AND EQUALLY CONSISTENTLY NOTED
HOSTILITY OF SYRIAN LEADERSHIP TO EDDE.
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